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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

**SUBJECT: Meeting with Ralph Preston, Staff Assistant, House
Appropriations Committee, on Agency Reserve Matters**

This afternoon I accompanied Mr. John Clarke, D/OPPB, in meeting with Mr. Preston regarding Agency Reserve expenditures for programs in Southeast Asia, with particular emphasis on our 1 July 1970 withdrawal letter. When queried about Mahon's views on these expenditures, Preston expressed the opinion that Mahon would probably prefer to have these expenditures made by CIA so as to attract less congressional attention. He feels that in today's climate this is a matter of paramount concern. Preston said he could not be certain of Mr. Mahon's position however, and said he would talk to the Chairman about it and let me know.


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